

Dear Les,

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After we spoke yesterday I thought more about the fink matter and of the possibility no other source will confirm your single source on Pierce. What could you or Jack do then without taking lots of time. Answer, uncomplicated use of FOIA. And don't start with a lawyer. Just write a simple request along the lines I'll suggest.

If there is confirmation, then this would possibly make a later followup.

Write FBIHQ, sending a copy to the NY Field Office and thus duplicating the request there, asking for all information on or about the guy of whatever form or origin and wherever or however filed, and this can give them problems and you help, including but not limited to all records in files classified with the numbers 44

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Don't try to explain or define them. If you want to know what they are I'll tell you, but in NY the really important one is 134, which is for "security" informers. In that file there will be a report, usually on a printed form, of every contact with him and whether or not it was productive.

They'll not ignore you or Jack but they'll probably claim backlog. If they don't tell you when to expect a response, as then and then wait.

Include copies of all search slips in your request.

All the other files are administrative or some kind of FBI interpretation of subversive. 66 is administrative. That is where they have their dirtiest on King hidden. But when they see 134 they'll understand what you believe, and why not? *

They'll probably claim the privacy exemption, but if they include (b)(2) and/or (7)(D) you'll have a fairly dependable confirmation, but not certain. (7)(D) is confidential source.

* is where DeLoach had his stuff hidden. Officially it is "Research Matters."

If they do not produce anything you can later decide whether or not to get a lawyer. Or you can just forget.

Best wishes,